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WITH OUR SERVICE MEN

Cadet Bulgarel Is Stationed In Alabama

MAXWELL FIELD, Ala., Jan. 14.—Lawrence Thomas Bulgarel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bulgarel of East Main street, Decatur, Texas, is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces Pre-Flight School for Pilots at Maxwell Field, located on the outskirts of Montgomery, the capital of Alabama.

Here the new class of cadets is receiving nine weeks of intensive military, physical and academic training preparatory to beginning their actual flight instruction at one of the many primary flying schools in the Army Air Forces southeast training center.

Cadet Bulgarel attended Decatur High school and North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington, Texas, and had served in the Army Air Forces for 11 months as an enlisted man when he was accepted as an aviation cadet on November 20, 1942, at Geiger Field, Washington.

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G. A. Ballard, Jr. Is Enrolled As Cadet

MAXWEL LFIELD, Ala., Jan. 14.—George Allen Ballard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Ballard of Decatur, Texas, is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces Pre-Flight School for Pilots at Maxwell Field, located on the outskirts of Montgomery, the capital of Alabama.

Here the new class of cadets is receiving nine weeks of intensive military, physical and academic training preparatory to beginning their actual flight instruction at one of the many primary flying schools in the Army Air Forces southeast training center.

Cadet Ballard attended Decatur high school and had served 22 months in the U. S. Army and held the rating of sergeant when he was selected as aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces, Nov. 18, 1942, at Edwards, Mass.

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Stice Completes Mechanics Course

SHEPPARD FIELD, Texas, Jan 14.—Arthur L. Stice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stice of RFD No. 3, Decatur, Texas, has graduated from an intensive course in aviation mechanics and is prepared to blast the Axis. Sheppard Field, near Wichita Falls, Texas, is one of the many schools in the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command which trains the specialist technicians who maintain our mighty air armada and fighter planes in perfect condition. He now is eligible to win a rating as corporal or crew chief on a bomber and to play a vital role in a new, pioneering branch of the service—gliders.

Before entering the school, he was trained at one of the basic training centers of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command and learned to fight the Axis with other things besides the tools of his trade. Men in the Command are adept in the art of protection and offense and repair.

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To Report Soon For Induction Cadet

Raylus Little, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Little of Route 1, Decatur, Texas, has been selected for induction as an Aviation Cadet in the Army Air Forces and ordered to report for active duty from Decatur, Texas, in May, 1941. He was a member of the dramatics club and Texas.

He is now attending N. T. S. T. C., Denton, Texas, where he has been for one year.

Upon being called to active duty, he was transferred to the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School at the University of Georgia, Athens, Ga., for three months of intensive conditioning, instruction in mathematics, military drill and other academic subjects. After completing this course, he will be sent to one of the Navy's numerous reception centers for primary flight training.

BOY SCOUTS WILL HOLD BOARD OF REVIEW FRIDAY NIGHT IN THE LION CLUB BUILDING

ATTENTION SUBSCRIBERS!

Due to the present paper shortage of newsprint, the largest pulp paper type used in America, the OPA requests that the newspapers all over the country comply with regulations and discontinue sending papers to delinquent subscribers and stop the practice of printing sample copies.

In compliance with this law, in order to receive our full quota of newsprint, The Messenger will discontinue all delinquent subscriptions. Notice of the date of expiration of subscription date will be sent all subscribers and the paper will stop with this issue.

The Messenger rates for a year are $1.50 in Wise County and $2.00 out of the county, paid in advance.

Mrs. R. T. Sellers Speaks Before Lions Club Wed.; Party Planned

"A Comparison of the Historic Generals of History to the War Lords of Today" was the subject of the weekly Lions Club luncheon speech made by Mrs. R. T. Sellers Wednesday in the Lions hall at noon.

Tracing the conquest of the three greatest generals, Alexander The Great, Ghengis Khan and Najoleon, Mrs. Sellers pointed out that the Germans are using the same tactics of brutal and bloody warfare today that their European forebearers used centuries ago. Mrs. Sellers, who is the history teacher in the Decatur High School, is a most descriptive speaker and the points of comparative interest was very informative on current events.

PPlans were completer for the annual Ladies night banquet to be held in the Lion Hall on January 28 with immediate Past International Lion President, George R. Jordan of Dallas the main speaker of the evening. Committees are working on final preparations for this leading social event of the Lion fiscal year.

Last Wednesday the club heard a graphic description of Officers Candidate School from Lieut. C. B. Ford who received his commission at the Antiaircraft Artillery School at Camp Davis, N. C. Lieut. Ford is a former Decatur resident and taught in Decatur High School several years ago.

Parent-Teachers Will Have Visitors Day

Tuesday afternoon, January 19, will be designated as a special day for parents to visit the Decatur public schools. P.-T. A. has recently redecorated and made sanitary the basement of the Grammar school building. Both first grade rooms, of which Mrs. C. A. Nichols and Miss Margie Hart are teachers, have been painted and made attractive. This fine work has been done by the room-mothers, parents and teachers. Visitors are invited to sit in the last periods of their children's classes and also to see the improvements.

P.-T. A. will meet in regular session at 4:30 in the High school auditorium. The program will be on the subject of "Safety," directed by Supt. Alton B. Lee. All friends of our school are invited.

All members, who have not turned in their Red Cross kits, are requested to bring them.

Also Mrs. R. F. Shelton, county chairman of Red Cross book collection, asks that all persons, who will give books, Reader's Digests, etc., for distribution to soldiers, please bring them.

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J. A. Renshaw Receives Commission Last Week

James Addison Renshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Renshaw of Decatur, has received his commission as a completion of the Officers Candidate second lieutenant upon successful School in Camp Davis, N. C. Lieut Renshaw entered the school as a corporal September 25, 1942 and prior to entering the army was a stock farmer and operated a dairy in Decatur.

He was one of the first Wise County men to be drafted in the army following the passage of the Selective Service law.

Post Office Completes Banner Year In 1942

If the business firms of Decatur show gains in business as did the United States Post Office, 1942 was a banner year. With the announcement by Postmaster Richard T. Rieger that the local receipts for the year ending December 31, showed a net gain of $51,008.71 over 1941.

Total receipts for the Decatur office in 1942 amounted to $231,180.59 as compared to $180,171.78 in 1941.

"Roll Out The Scrap" Drive Starts In Wise County By Camp Wolters Personnel

CAMP WOLTERS, Texas, Jan. 14.—"Roll out the Scrap! The biggest scrap and salvage drive ever staged in this area is now well under way as Uncle Sam urges your complete cooperation in turning in every piece of salvage metal and rubber you can locate." That's the word from Col. Charles H. Ball, coordinator of scrap, stationed at Camp Wolters.

More than 40 men in more than 20 trucks are well under way in a thorough and complete tour of Wise, Jack, Young, Hood, Somervell, Erath, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Parker, Comanche, Eastland and Hamilton counties in a supreme effort to round up vitally needed salvage and scrap.

"The intense need of U. S. war industries for salvage and scrap that can be converted into implements of war is so great that every American should exert all his powers to help us round up every available piece of metal and rubber," declared Lt. William A. McAleer, assistant to Col. Hall in the scrap drive. "Look in your pastures, farmlands, garages, barns, attics, under your houses, everywhere, and locate all the iron, steel, copper, aluminum, bronze, or any other kind of metal. If you cannot bring it to some central spot in your community, we'll come directly to you for it. However, we cannot take the scrap unless it is donated

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Decatur Man Finishes Mechanics School

SHEPPARD FIELD, Texas, Jan. 14.—J. P. Manire, son of A. D. Manire of Decatur, Texas, has graduated from an intensive course in glider mechanics and now is prepared to blast the Axis as one of America's "commandos in coveralls." Sheppard Field, near Wichita Falls, Texas, is one of the many schools of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command which trains the specialist technicians to maintain our mighty air armada. He is now eligible to win a rating as a corporal or sergeant and to play a vital role in a new, pioneering branch of the service—gliders.

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Marriage Annulled

The marriage of Margaret Usry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Usry, was annulled in district court, Monday, December 11 and her maiden name was restored.

FOURTEEN TROOP MEMBERS TO APPEAR FOR ADVANCEMENT

Old Age Assistance Receive $1 Reduction

AUSTIN, Jan. 14.—Old age assistance checks will be mailed this month to 183,292 old people receiving an average check of $20.31. The rolls made a net increase of 809 during December. Needy aged added to the rolls numbered 2,260. Those who were dropped from the rolls included 923 who were removed because of death and 528 removed because they were no longer in need or because they failed to meet other elicibility refuirements. Payments will total $3,722,438 from state and federal funds.

Proration cuts each recipient's check $1 below his authorized grant. The average check wouuld be $21.31 if sufficient funds were available. The average grant, as well as the number on the rolls, continues to increase as cases are re-investigated and grants are adjusted to increased costs of living. In December the average check received was $20.06, 25 cents less than the current month.

Continuing its re-organization of the Aid to Dependent Children program to include only those families in desperate need, the welfare department announced that in January 11,943 families will helped as compared with 12,544 in December. The 26,852 children represented by the families still on the rolls will receive the maximum grants allowable under the constitutional amendment, since their unmet needs far exceed the maxima of $16 for one child and $24 for any number of children in one family. January grants average $21.36. The net decrease in the numbers of families on the rolls represents 560 who were certified as eligible during the month and 1,161 families removed.

The re-organization of the Aid to Dependent Children program made it possible to discontinue the $10 cut formerly in effect in all grants and prevented the necessity of making another cut as the rolls increased. In September, a year after the beginning of the program, the $1,500,000 annua state income for the assistance became inadequate to pay grants in full to all children on the rolls.

Aid to the Needy Blind is the only one of the three social security assistance programs which has not yet become subject to proration. However, for several months payments have been in excess of monthly income. January payments will total $95,666, compared with the monthly maximum income of $66,666. The difference is made possible by money accumulated in the fund during previous months when the rolls were smaller. The number of blind recipients increased from 4,000 in December to 4,106 in January. Checks this month will average $23.30, an increase of 11 cents over the December average.

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Baptist Revival Was Very Successful

"Revival Meeting at Fundamentalist Was Well Attended."

The revival meeting which was held at the Fundamentalist Baptist church of Decatur, Texas, which began January 4, and came to a close on Wednesday night, January 13, was blessed of the Lord.

Evangelist Jim Watson of Oklahoma City did the preaching, and Rev. Watson was heard with much interest, and there was a number saved, and added to the church. Next Sunday will be the fourth anniversary of Pastor Loys Vess, and there will be special services at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.

The pastor will preach at both hours.

Subject Sunday morning at 11 a.m., "The Price of Victory."

Sunday evening service 7:45 p.m., which will be Evangelistic.

Baptising at the close of the service Sunday night.

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Corp. Orin Fortenberry has been moved to the 16th Veteniary Evacuation Hosp., Fort Bliss, Texas.

The Decatur Boy Scouts of America will hold their annual board of review Friday night in the Lion Club hall, according to Scoutmaster R. F. Shelton.

Fourteen members of the local troop are planning to pass before the review for advancement in rank and Carroll Harriot will take his final work to become a Life Scout. There is only one other scout in the Decatur troop, Bill Harison, who is also senior Patrol leader.

Members of the troop who will pass before the board of review include: First class: Robert Reynolds, N. E. Reeves, Bobby Boyd, Clarence Fitzpatrick and G. B. Hartman. Tenderfoot: Billy Scott Collett, Eddie Booles, Billy Garrison and H. M. Morris.

Scouts who will pass on merit badges are: Bobby Godwin, 10 merit badges; Robert Reynolds, 7 merit bodges; Johnny Carson, 5 merit badges; Clarence Fitzpatrick and N. E. Reeves, one merit badge each.

Members of the troop who hold the rank of Star Scout are: Johnny Carson, Warren Hunt, Max Weaver, Jack Watkins and Carroll Harriot.

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Food Production Funds Financed, FSA

Farmers all over the country are responding with patriotic enthusiasm to the appeal of President Roosevelt and the rest of the nation to increase their production of food with which to fight and win the war and win the peace.

Many are doing it by enlarging their acreages, their herds and their operating equipment. Some are able to use their own resources or funds borrowed from private souces.

For those who cannot increase production because of credit limitations, the Farm Security Administration is able to provide funds at low interest rates on carefully worked out plans.

Mr. Oliver R. Brown, FSA supervisor, stated today that the one aim of this agency is the increased production of food, and that funds are still being lent to farmers for the purpose of enlarging their operations, as one means of making more food available for the nation's war and post-war needs.

Loans for the purchase of farms as well as for farm enlargement are still available for farmers who can qualify.

"Farmers who own their land, or are buying it, almost invariably can use it more efficiently," Mr. Brown declared. "The pride of ownership usually makes a big difference.

"Farmers who are not able to finance the purchase or enlargement of farms any other way are invited to apply for FSA loans," he explained.

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Packages for Soldiers Foreign Duty Restricted

WASHINGTON, Jan 7.—Announcing new Army postal regulations drastically restricting the shipment of packages to soldiers overseas, Secretary of War Stimson said Thursday "I seem to have been a better promoter than I expected when I urged people to write to the soldiers."

Because of the enormous amount of space used to transport packages, Stimson said the Army has ruled that beginning January 15, no package may be sent to a soldier overseas unless it contains an article which has been requested by the soldier, and the request has been approved by his commanding officer.

The post office, he said, will not accept a package unless the written request, bearing the commanding officer's approval, is presented. Even such packages will be limited to five pounds, and may not be more than 15 inches in length. Magazines and newspapers may be mailed only by the publisher, and only if the soldier is a subscriber.

Letters from the soldiers' families and personal friends have been welcome, Stimson said, and "will continue to be welcomed by the Army."

The new regulations, however, were adopted when a survey disclosed that mail sent overseas in November used cargo space equivalent to the total capacity of three 11,000-ton Liberty

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ramblin' 'round town

WITH THE EDITOR



Today completes another year's anniversary for the Rambler in matrilock and as the years begin slipping by with increasing speed we wonder how we were lucky enough to get "an old-fashioned gal" in an age when are so scarce.

The first twenty years of our lives they say are the most drawn-out, the second twenty are as a passing light and the last twenty you spend waiting to die. Guess we are in the passing-est stage now because it seems like six months rather than three years.

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It is as hard for a rich man to enter heaven as it is for a poor man to live on earth.

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Plans are complete for an overnight maneuver Saturday night, weather permitting, and we are told that this is one of the reasons that the "Big Army" wears long-handles. Uncle Sam gave this department around $50.00 worth of uniforms and we are proud that we can have the opportunity to get enough trainin; to help out in case of an emergency. The Texas Defense Guard is becomming more proficient every week with serious study of nearly every emergency.

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If, as a writer suggests, women's sentiments are expressed by their clothes, they appear to have been becoming less and less sentimental during recent years.

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Several months ago the government issued full-choke shot guns to the Decatur guard and supplied them with plenty of buck-shot ammunition so we are ready for battle. It is a little clumsy trying the manual of arms with one of the unbalanced arms but there is nothing clumsy about their bark or bite.

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If men had no faith in one another—all of us have to live within our incomes.

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The record made by former members of the Guard is impressive in the number of officers that have been commissioned who received their first military training here in Decatur.

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Rambled out to the Decatur Baptist College Tuesday morning and spoke before the chapel assembly. The word "spoke" does not include a speech, only told a little about the newspaper business and printing. We were lucky in that several college professors spent a good many semester hours telling us about the trade. Incidentally that is about the only thing you can get out of a book that will help you in the newspaper business. All of the "scooling" that money can buy cannot alter the hard knocks and work that is necessary before you join the "fourth Estate."

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Why is it that we attribute all failures to hard luck and success to good judgment?

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We are still kinda' disappointed in the rationing program. This month's coffee and sugar coupons will not be spent, without a car gasoline means work to steady to get off to go out of town but boy if Uncle Sam add another 5 per cent to the Victory tax there is going to be a general sweating around the ramblers' corner.

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Bridgeport Banker Is Placed on Committee

DALLAS, Jan. 13.—W. E. Hines, Bridgeport banker and civic leader, will head the Wise County committee for the celebration of President F. D. Roosevelt's 61th birthday, January 30. This announcement was made here today by George Waverley Briggs, Texas State Vice Chairman for the celebration to raise funds for the fight against infantile paralysis. The county chairman will immediately announce the appointment of staff and assistants.

In the appointment of Texas county chairmen Mr. Briggs, serving under the leadership of W. L. Clayton, Houston, in Washington as President Roosevelt's deputy Federal Farm Loan Administrator, stresses the necessity of prompt county organization due to prevelancy of the dread disease

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Urgent Need Is Cited For Border Patrolmen

Border Patrolmen, for employment by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, at an annual salary of $2,000, are urgently needed, it was announced by Ralph R. Hitt, local civil service representative, today. Intensive recruiting, for the purpose of locating qualified local applicants, is being undertaken in this city.

The duties of the position are to detect and prevent the smuggling and the illegal entry of aliens into the United States, and involve the patrolling of the international land boundaries. This job is open to men who are physically fit, between the ages of 21 and 40. There are no experience requirements for this position, but applicants must show in their applications that they have had at least one year of experience in driving motor vehicles. An oral examination is given to applicants before employment. Persons selected are sent to a boarder patrol training school for several months of intensive training.

Interested local residents should contact, in person, the Civil Service Representative, Ralph R. Hitt, at Camp Howze, immediately.

Service Letter

Aberdeen, Maryland
December 21, 1942

Pvt. Sammie A. Potts,
Co. D, B5 Bn.,
3rd Platoon,
O. R. T. C.,
Aberdeen, Maryland

Dear Mother and All:

I arrived back in Aberdeen safely Sunday night about 3 a.m., after an experience I'll never forget.

I made a trip to New York. Well let's get rolling, we are late now. It is 11:30 now (Saturday morning). So I grab up my coat and hat and start running for the day room where I get my pass. And oh my, will you look at that line of boys already waiting in line for their pass.

Here I am out on the streets of New York. So here my buddy and I go. We had some pictures made Saturday afternoon at a place recommended to me by some other boys in my platoon. I had six made. I saw the proofs Sunday afternoon. They will be sent to me sometime this week. We go on from there over to Broadway, and I do mean Broadway.

We registered there for a room at the Men's Sevice club. We took what things we had already bought and went on up to our rooms and got rid of them.

We went then to the U. S. O. which was on Park Avenue, where we got tickets to the Essex House, and then for a dance. A large ball room, a famous orchestra, and enough girls to go around for every Service boy.

I guess every branch of the Armed Forces was represented there. All this was free too, a perfect heaven for a soldier. Don't ask me what time I got in, because I did not expect to get much sleep when I went there.

We checked out of our rooms at 3:30 and went down by the studio and saw our proofs to our pictures.

And now comes the biggest thrill of the whole trip, "Radio City."

We first saw a motion picture. It was the best motion picture I believe I've ever seen. Af[illegible] motion picture, then came the [illegible] shows. And, mother, I would give anything in the world if you could only have see them. They were the most wonderful shows a person could imagine. The whole auditorium and the lighting affect was so magnificent, it just made the hair raise on my head.

The God's chosen people appeared on both sides of the theater. A pale white light shon, on them while they sang "Silent Night." Then down on the stage, a way up in the stage. It looked like about half way between the floor of the stage and the top, an angel appeared and sang some beautiful Christmas songs. After the angel sang, then God came out into the center of the stage and waved his arms to the people on both sides of him to come to him. Then as the people from both sides gathered in around him, a choir somewhere sang "Come All Ye Faithful." When all of God's people had gathered around him, he shouted the new king has been born and gave all the scripture about Christ being born. And then in the background behind God and his people, another curtain was opened and there was the manger and Joseph and Mary. The Christ child lay in the manger. Two cows, a pig and a donkey were gathered around the manger. It was the most wonderful thing a person could hardly think of.

They had several other stage shows, stage dancers, singing, etc. There were also things that I had always seen on the screen but did not believe it was possible. I would like to tell you about several of them and I will, but I had better get some sleep tonight or else.

Love, Sam

Wise County Electric Company Co-operates In Food-For-Victory

The Wise Electric Co-operative, Inc. which operates rural electric lines in Wise, Clay and Montague counties, will participate in the National "Food-Power for Victory" meeting, sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, at St. Louis, January 19 and 20. Mr. A. L. Duncan, superintendent, announced today. The co-op will be represented at St. Louis by Duncan.

Several of the nation's nationally known leaders in the REA and public power fights will address the convention. Among them are Hon. Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the Interior, Sen. Geo. W. Noris of Nebraska, Sen. George Aiken of Vermont, Congressman John E. Rankin of Mississippi, Hon. Eugene Casey, executive assistant to President Roosevelt, and Hon. Harry Slattery, administrator of REA.

Mr. Casey will bring in addition to his own speech a message from President Roosevelt.

Vice-President Henry A. Wallace will also send a message.

Hon. Claude A. Wickard, the Secretary of Agriculture, has also been invited to speak and will if it is possible to get away from Washington at that time.

Plaque to Be Presented to Senator Norris

The NRECA will present to Senator Norris on the evening of January 19, a huge silver plaque "in recognition of his unselfish services in the electrification of rural America."

The association plans a similar presentation at each annual meeting in the future.

Food Power for Victory to Be General Theme

Congressman Clyde T. Ellis who, after January 3, is to be executive manager of the NRECA, stated this week in Washington, "The general theme of the convention will be "Food Power for Victory." The co-operatives are making a vital contribution to the war effort through their alleviation of the man power program and by their ability to increase farm production. They are also making a vital contribution in the scrap campaign."

Bennie Paul Bearden graduated from Primary training at Rankin Field, Tulare, Calif., January 4, and is now in Basic Training in Lemoore Calif. He was photographer of the graduate annual.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McMath and daughter, Marguret of Denton visited Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Linker last Sunday.

Mrs. Ann Dickinson recently visited her brother, C. L. Hull.

Returned Missionary Fro mChina To Speak At Baptist Church Sunday Morning

Returned Missioinary from China to speak at Baptist church next Sunday morning.

Rev. C. L. Culpepper, who served as Missionary in China for many years and spent a number of months in a Japanese internment camp, will speak at the First Baptist church next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Rev. Culpepper has engagements to speak every Sunday till next April, but a canceled date made it possible for him to accept an invitation to speak in Decatur. He is one of the most popular speakers among returned missionaries in this country, and Decatur is fortunate to have this opportunity to hear him.

County B. T. U. Meet at Alvord

A county Training Union meeting is to be held at Alvord next Tuesday, January 19, beginning at 2 p.m and continuing till 9 p.m. The Alvord church will serve lunch at 6.30 p.m.

The following trained leaders out of Dallas, will speak and conduct conferences on the work of the five departments of the Union. Mr. Harvey Nelson for the adults, Mr. Leon Price for intermediates, Mrs. L. A. Brown for juniors and Mrs. Harvey Nelson for the elementary grade. Mrs. L. A. Brown for young people.

All pastors and training union workers and members are invited to attend.

T. McMurray Speaks At Owl Club Meeting

The Owl Club met Wednesday, December 2, with Mrs. Shelton presiding.

Mr. Tom McMurray was the speaker for the afternoon. This being the club's annual Bible day he chose for his subject, "The Life of Christ From a Lawyer's Point of View."

Mr. McMurray captivated his listeners with the interesting array of facts which he presented. Those present went away wishing that many others could have heard this worth while talk from Wise county's attorney.

January 6 the club met in regular session, Mrs. Clifton presiding. Here, again, a very interesting and informative program was rendered as follows: Mrs. Charles Workman gave two lively biographies from "Biographies That Live."

Mrs. Tom McMurray gave a selection from "Mary Otis Skinner." Every one present really had a good laugh, for these trying days.

Concluding the program Mrs. Burke, in her characteristic way, read from the poems of Grace Noll Crowell, Browning, Tennyson and others. The Owl club programs, this year have proven, so far, worth going to hear.

LOCAL NEWS

W. B. Cook is spending the day in Fort Worth with daughter. Rob. Benette

B. D. Smith from Camp Wolters, spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. B. D. Smith.

Miss Lavern Smith is home with her mother, Mrs. B. D. Smith, who is ill.

Mrs. Webster Blackford is shopping in Fort Worth today.

Mrs. Morris of Chico is shopping in Decatur.

Mrs. W. O. Dettrich of Dallas is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Stella Plasco.

Mrs. Lily Dillehay visited in the home of Mrs. C. W. Stone and daughter of Rhome Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Musgrove visited her mother in Bowie last week.

Service Letter

Dear Folks:

We flew down here from Del. today. We took off right at noon and didn't land here until six. I was nearly starved. The first thing I did was eat.

We take off in the morning, I'd better not say where. I certainly have been getting around the past few days. I've been to New York, Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Jacksonville, Miami, Richmond and Kansas City, Denver and North Platte. This is the life, but I sure would like to come home.

Every once in a while I'll run into some soldier from Texas. We'll stand for hours talking about our home towns. They all have heard of Decatur.

I saw a lieutenant in Philadelphia from Lubbock. The bay that operates the radio went to Texas Tech four years and was working on his Master thesis when he joined up.

Well I'll write soon, you do the same. I haven't heard a single word from any one since I left Saint Jo. Say hello to everyone for me.

Love, Jimmy.

Cpl. James P. Womack



Card of Thanks

We wish to express to our neighbors and our friends in Decatur, Shiloh and Brumlow communities for their kindness and sympathy in the homegoing of our loved one. And for the floral offerings. May God bless each of you. And may you have such good, kind friends in your hour of sorrow is our prayer.

Mrs. O F. Stockton, Brothers and Sister.

Mary Kimbrew of Denton spent the week with Marguret Tumulty.

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FOR SALE—Clean '41 Super De Luxe black Ford. Good tires and radio. Hayes Dunaway 2 1-tp

TWO-ROOM furnished apartment for rent. Mrs. [illegible] Whuler, 1 block west of First Baptist church. 2-1-t

WANTED—Tractor and implements. Must be reasonably priced. Quote low cash price and desription. Bonham and Messenger. 2-1tp

LOST—Last Saturday in Bank a Parker fountain pen. W. C. Shults.

WANTED—Good gas cook stove, See Mrs. C. A. Maples at Perkins T. 2-1tc

FOR SALE—Piano in good condition. Priced to sell. Mrs. Ben Grubbs, Decatur. Phone 111. 1-1tc.

LOST—Pair rimless glasses in a tin case. Reward. Mada Walker. 3

FOR SALE—100 acres of land, 75 acres in cultivation, adjoining city limits, south of Denton Hiway. No improvements. Parker Cullom.

WANTED TO BUY—Several half white face springer cows. Parker Cullom.

LOST—Light brown, small pocket purse with zipper inside, with man's coin purse inside, January 2, between Clover Farm and bank, contained $5 and $2 bills and 1 silver dollar, 75 cents and change and several pennies. Mrs. N. L. Webb. Return to Messenger Office.

FOR RENT—Bedroom, conveniently located. Southeast of Court House. Share bath. See Mrs. Hayes Dunaway. 3-1tp.

WANTED—Mature woman for confinement case in modern farm home, two in family. Good pay for right party. Call 11-F-11 Ponder, Texas, collect for interview. 3-2

WANTED—A middle aged white woman for general house work. Call Mrs. Muldoon 391. 3-1-c

FOR SALE—100 acres of land, 75 acres in cultivation, adjoining city limits, south of Denton Hi-way. No improvements. Parker Cullom. 3

WANTED—To Buy several half white face springer cows. Parker Cullom. 3

FOR SALE—Kanota seed oats, 75c per bushel. See or write James G. Blane, 2 miles west and 2 miles south of Synder, Okla.

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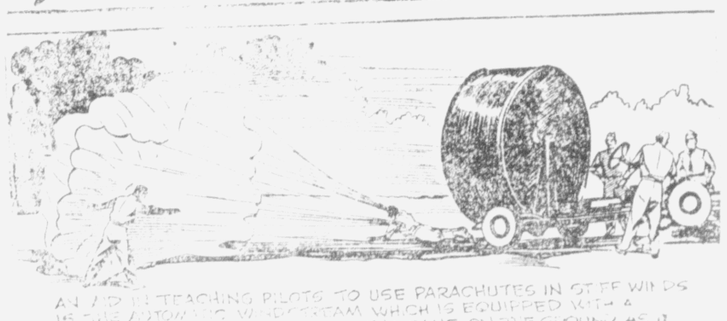
Mrs. W. thinks of every bond she buys in terms of what it can do for her soldier husband out in Australia. "Already," she says, "I've bought Jim a Garand rifle and a gas mask in War Bonds. I'll keep buying to bring him back safe and sound!"

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COME TAX INFORMATION

ecast Magazine Will sor Feature Story "Casa Linda" House

BBOCK, Jan. 14.—Casa Linda, rative house for girls at Texas nological College, is the subject special article in a recent issue precast magazine.

e article, written by Edna Louise ge, Cisco senior arts and sciences nt, describes how the 20 girls at Linda have solved the housing em by cooperative work in which has specific duties, such as king laundry, cooking, washing es, making beds, sweeping and ng. Costs at the house are about or room and $13 for food each th.

exas Farmers Must ooperate To Make ate Peanut Goal

COLLEGE STATION, Jan. 14.— ting the state's 1943 goal of 1,- ,000 acres of peanuts will require ingenuity and co-operation of ry Texas farmer on suitable sandy , says E. A. Miller, agronomist of Texas A and M College Extension vice. An increase of 23 per cent r the record acreage of 1,060,000 nted in 1942 makes the 1943 goal of the toughest assignments for second year of the war.

To meet the new goal, Miller says ners will need to plant good sound l of the Spanish variety. Inocula will not be necessary if peanuts, peas, or velvet beans that were culated had been grown on the d recently. Chemical treatment of seed with three ounces of common per cent) ceresan for each 100 nds of shelled or unshelled peas has given good results when the already is well inoculated.

Miller warns growers against using 5 per cent improved ceresan as it y injure germination. In order to a stand, plant at least 25 to 30 nds of shelled seed, or 45 to 60 nds of unshelled seed, per acre, agronomist advises. Many growsoak the unshelled seed over night hasten germination, but shelled nuts should never be soaked. A xture of equal parts pine tar and rosene, if sprinkled lightly over the d, will give an ardor to repel gophs, crows, and other seed thieves.

tur Texas Defense d Helps Major

Decatur Texas Defense Guard their honor Sunday, Janund fulfilled their duties satisy.

lation cadet from the Waco ying School circled over Denday afternoon several times finally forced down in a field f here. Sending word to ing officer at Waco he th his ship until the of- d by plane a few minutes a lieutenant.

he second plane landed, in ction northeast of Decatur ers of the Guard rushed to and were posted to guard while another member ar at the officers disposal to cadet.

ennings Brown, local comofficer of the Texas Defense ceived a letter from the of- Charles F. Hewins later commending the members anization on their alertness esy.

l guard members who were in the letter were John ax Weaver, Jack Woodruff Grubbs. They are privates rd.

aste your time wondering k hen lays a white egg—

Form of Return

Persons subject to the Federal income tax must report their income to the government on forms, or blanks, prescribed by regulations. These forms are obtainable from any Collector of Internal Revenue, and generally from any bank. Special forms are designated for corporations, for partnerships, for trusts and fiduciaries, and for nonresident aliens. Farmers who keep no books of account on the accrual method must attach a special schedule to their return (Form 1040F). For individuals, two forms are used, depending upon the amount and source of income to be reported.

Form 1040

This form is intended for general use of individuals who are citizens of the United States, or residents in this country, whether citizens or not. It contains spaces to show the amount of income from various sources, deductions alowable, exemptions and credits and computation of tax liability. As most of the items require some explanation in order to be allowable, the form also contains appropriate schedules to show in more detail how the income or the deductions are determined.

Form 1040A

This is a simplified report, which may, at the option of the taxpayer who makes his return on the cash basis, be filed instead of form 1040 by citizens and residents whose gross income was $3,000 or less during 1942, provided all this income consists wholly of one or more of the following: Salary, wages, dividends, interest or annuities. In using this form it is necessary only to enter the amount of gross income as shown, deduct the credit allowable for dependents, and insert the appropriate amount of tax in accordance with one's personal exemption status, as shown on the table on the reverse of the form. This form has no entries for deductions allowable, since the taxes indicated in the table on the back of the form are computed after taking into account what have been considered average deductions for persons of this income class.

A taxpayer should, therefore, consider carefully which form would be appropriate for his purposes. Whichever form is employed, all the information called for in the spaces should be inserted so far as applicable to the taxpayer, in order to avoid the expense to the government, and the possible inconvenience to the taxpayer, of subsequent check and inquiry.

With each return form is a set of accompanying instructions, and these instructions should be carefully read by the taxpayer before making his return.

Returns for the calendar year 1942 must be filed not later than March 15, 1943. They may be filed by mailing to the Collector of Internal Revenue of the appropriate district in which is located the legal residence or principal place of business of the taxpayer. If the return is filed by mailing, it should be posted in ample time to reach the collector's office on or before March 15, 1943. Returns received later than the due date are subject to a penalty variable according to the lateness in filing.

Mrs. Pete Covington and children of Alvord visited in Decatur Wednesday.

Miss Anna Lee Spencer of Alvord is here with her mother, Mrs. Till Spencer who is ill in the Rogers hospital.

Miss Lavada Gage visited friends in Dallas.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the kindness and sympathy extended to us during the illness and death of our loved one. May God bless you.

Mrs. Dave Kerr and Shug,
The Alexanders,
Mrs. C. B. Lasater and family.

2,000 Positions Are Open For Women At Sheppard Field

SHEPPARD FIELD, Texas, Jan. 14.—Approximately 2,000 civilians, mostly women, will be employed immediately as aircraft mechanics instructors, glider maintenance instructors and clerical workers, post military authorities here announced today, expediting a campaign to replace able-bodied soldiers for combat duty.

The technical instructors' jobs will pay not less than $2,000 a year, including time spent in a short training course at Sheppard Field. Clerical positions will pay from $1,260 to $3,200. Qualifications demanded for both types of war-time emergency positions are easily met, according to Maj. Malcom G. Keech, post employment officer.

Civilians in 47 east Texas cities will be addressed by Maj. Willard J. Chamberlin, much-decorated Sheppard Field director of technical training, and Ray V. Hunt, a civilian aircraft mechanics instructor of Wichita Falls, in an effort to employ the hundreds of civilians needed.

Principal cities in which Major Chamberlin and Hunt will speak at junior colleges, colleges and universities are Fort Worth, Dallas, Waco, Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Houston, Galveston, Lufkin, Palestine, Tyler, Longview, Marshall, Sherman, Wichita Falls and 31 other east Texas cities.

The Sheppard Field campaign is being conducted east of the 99th meridian, the line passing near both San Antonio and Wichita Falls. Interested civilians in this area of Texas will fall under the jurisdiction of Sheppard Field's employment office. West of the 99th meridian this authority for employment is reserved for Amarillo Army Air Field.

Virtually any woman with a high school diploma can qualify for the instructors' jobs, providing she can prove an aptitude to learn the fundamental principals involved in aircraft mechanics. The physical requirements demand only the ability to teach eight hours a day, besides no speech, hearing or sight deficiencies.

The Civil Service Commission will authorize the employment of all civilians here, but for both instructors' and clerical jobs no competitive tests will be given. Interested civilians who are unable to contact Major Chamberlin on his visits in east Texas cities may apply by phone, mail or in person at the Sheppard Field employment office. This newspaper will announce the arrival of Major Chamberlin in the various east Texas cities.

Good luck has a habit of always butting in while a man is hard at work.

OBITUARIES

Odus F. Stockton

Odus Franklin Stockton was born in Collinsville, Ala., July 12, 1886. Departed this life Jan. 2, 1943, at 1:30 p. m.

He was married to Miss Mamie Brewer of Decatur, Texas, July 30, 1907. To this union was born two children. He came to Texas with his parents when he was six years old, and settled in Wise county near Alvord and lived in Wise county near Alvord and Decatur since he came to Texas.

He is survived by his wife and two children, Mrs. Joe B. Rice of Charleston, Ill., and Glenn Edward with the American Forces somewhere in North Africa, three brothers and one sister, Earnest of Alvord, R. L. and Gertrude of Decatur, J. E. Stockton of San Angelo, Texas.

He was converted 32 years ago and united with the Baptist church; later united with the Fundamentalist Baptist church of Decatur, Texas.

Funeral services were held at the Fundamentalist Baptist church Monday afternoon at 2:30 conducted by Pastor Rev. Loys Vess.

Interment was made in Oaklawn, Decatur cemetery. Pall bearers were Walter Rhoads, Ted Burkett, W. A. Pinkerton, J. R. Taylor, D. E. Leguire and Mr. Wilkins.

Rev. Joe B. Rice of Charleston, Ill., is visiting relatives and friends in Decatur since he came for the funeral of his father-in-law, Odus F. Stockton.

Women AT WAR

Irene

When Irene got home from the airplane factory she was good and tired. This was the hour, after work and before dinner, that she always looked forward to. Her private name for it was "My sissy hour." Into it, these days, she packed all the lazy, luxurious little things she loved—things that used to take up a lot more than an hour of her peace-time days.

She sat down at the little desk in her room. You could tell quite a lot about Irene from that desk. The water-glass filled with the small bouquet of flowers she sometimes bought on the way home. The paper-weight of pink marble. The thin, crackly blue air-mail stationery. And the big, framed photograph of a young man in a corporal's uniform—as good-looking a man as Irene was pretty. On the blotter pad lay the telegram that had come that morning just as she was leaving for work.



With those long, well-shaped fingers she reached for a sheet of paper. She nibbled the end of her pen for a bit, and then she wrinkled up her nose at the picture of the soldier and began to write, "Dear Mr. Morgenthau", but the corporal's name was Jackson and she called him Pete. Her round handwriting spread across the page. "My boy friend is with the A.E.F. in Ireland. He has cabled me fifty dollars with which to buy a diamond ring. I've been thinking it over and decided to buy a War Bond to help Uncle Sam instead. This may help to bring my boy friend home sooner, and then he can help me select my ring."

Slowly she began to sign her name. "Irene ——"

(Letter from an actual communication in the files of the Treasury Department.)

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Let's all sacrifice as Irene has done. Bring final victory closer with the money you put into War Bonds. Make certain your family budget tops 10 percent by New Year's.

U. S. Treasury Department

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What You Buy With WAR BONDS

A Flying Fortress is to America's air fleet what heavy artillery is to the Army. This gigantic four-motored bomber, equipped with heavy cannon, carries about three tons of bombs and reaches a speed of about 300 miles an hour.



These ships carry a crew of seven to nine men, weigh about 22½ tons, have a wing spread of 105 feet and each motor develops 1,000 horsepower. We need more of these "Flying Fortresses" to compete with the Nazi air force. You can help by investing at least *ten percent of your income in War Bonds every payday.* Buy them from your bank, postoffice or other convenient issuing agent.

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RATIONING AT A GLANCE

Ration Books

WAR RATION BOOK NO. 1—Used for sugar and coffee, will be required to obtain Book No. 2 soon. Those not having Book No. 1 may obtain them from the local ration board until Jan. 15, 1943.

WAR RATION BOOK NO. 2—To be issued soon, will provide for rationing on a "point system."

MILEAGE RATION BOOKS—Books, A, B, and C used for passenger car gasoline; E and R books, for non-highway uses; D, for motorcycles; T for trucks and commercial vehicles.

Rationed Food Commodities

SUGAR—Stamp No. 10 in Book No. 1 good for 3 pounds until midnight, Jan. 31, 1943.

COFFEE—Stamp No. 28 in Book No. 1 (for those 15 or older) good for 1 pound until midnight Feb. 7, 1943.

MEAT—Voluntary share-the-meat program sets limit at 2½ pounds per person per week. Meat will be rationed unde the "point system" after Book No. 2 is distributed.

Mileage Rationing

GASOLINE—Value of each coupon in A, B, and C Books is 4 gallons. First 8 coupons in A Book are good until midnight Jan. 21, 1943. Those who think they are eligible for supplemental rations should see their local ration board.

TIRE INSPECTORS—All passenger vehicle operators must have official tire inspections by Jan. 31, 1943. Thereafter, A and D (motorcycle) book holders must get inspections each four months. Holders of B and C books must get tires inspected every two months or every 5,000 miles whichever comes first.

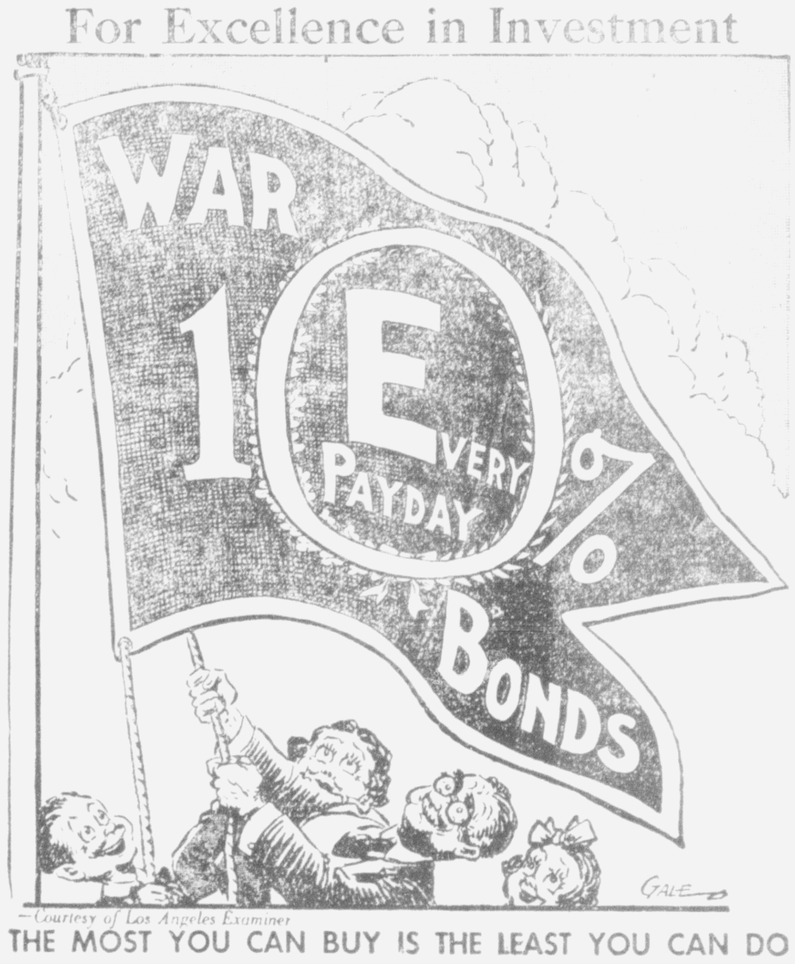
TIRES—If official tire inspector recommends a tire replacement or recap, apply to local ration board for tire or recap ration certificate. Tires and recaps will be rationed to all on the basis of tire inspections and county quotas available, with most essential mileage to come first.

Other Rationing

Eligible purchasers needing new automobiles, bicycles, typewriters, rubber footwear and other commodities on which sales might be restricted should see their local ration board.

Address of the local board for this county is Court House basement;

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank in Decatur

In the State of Texas, at the close of business on Dec. 31, 1942, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, Under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS

Loans and discounts	$ 225,813.61
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	369,682.50
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	330,512.86
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	45,000.00
Corporate stocks (including $2,700.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	2,700.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	629,911.32
Bank premises owned $9,350.00, furniture and fixtures $1,800.00	11,150.00
Real estate owned other than bank premises	600.00
Other assets	1,287.20
TOTAL ASSETS	$1,616,657.49

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	$1,006,501.02
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporatons	14,500.00
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	212,307.85
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	263,135.49
Deposits of banks	9,000.00
Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	2,564.73
TOTAL DEPOSITS $1,508,009.09	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$1,508,009.09

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital Stock, Common stock, total par $50,000.00	50,000.00
Surplus	40,000.00
Undivided profits	18,648.40
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred stock)	1
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	$ 108,648.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	$

MEMORANDA

Pledged assets (and securities loaned, at book value):	
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	$
Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities including notes and bills rediscounted and those sold under repurchase agreement	$ 1,307.28
TOTAL	$ 418,175.28
Secured liabilities:	
Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	450,060.88
TOTAL	$ 450,060.88

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF WISE, ss:

I, E. P. Gibson, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. P. GIBSON, CASHIER.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day January, 1943.

JAS. W. SMITH, Notary Public.

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WANT TO BUY — Old Rage and Cloth. Must be clean and pieces not too small. Inquire at The Messenger Office.

FOR SALE—All white wood range, small cream separator, both practically new. Als a good 400 chick brooder. F. C. Cash, Boyd, Texas.

FOR SALE—Team drawn farm tools and wasashteria, all in good shape. For a good bargin and cheap, see H. T. Williams, Newark, Texas. 2

FOR SALE—A 4-room house and a lot in Paradise. See Mr. J. F. Miller, Decatur, Rt. 1. 2

LOST—8 turkey hens, 1 red, 2 mixed, 5 bronze and 1 black gobbler. If found please return to Henry L. Smith, Rt. 3, 1 mile from Decatur. 1

WANTED—Winter grazing for 40 to 50 head cattle. Also want to lease 100 acres grassland for 1943. J. L. Myrack, Bridgeport. 1

FOR SALE—Henry Robertson farm, 160 acres improved, $18 per acre, 60 acres in cultivation. See J. P. Robertson at Robertson Grocery.

FOR SALE—Postoak and Blackjack wood at Sycamore. E. E. Pennington, Rt. 4, Decatur, Texas.

STRAYED—From home one pair of bronze urkeys, one one tom and one hen, large smooth turkeys with no marks except white point on back and wings of hen, have been gone one week. If you know of these turkeys return same and receive a reward. Mrs. Earl Mooney, Rt. 1. 52

WANTED—To lease a farm with grass land enough to run 30 head of stock, and rest of place in cultivation. D. L. McWhirter, Alvord, Texas, Rt. 1

FOR SALE—Round tub Maytag washer, Electric. Good condition. See R. B. Monroe, 1 mile north of Chico Park Springs road. 52-3t.

FOR SALE—1 head cows, heifers and calves, 2 head mules, 1 horse, 2 young mares, farming implements and household goods. One mile southeast Audubon. Ray Champion, Alvord, Texas.

W. C. Tractor, good mechanical condition, rubber fair. $550.00. W. G. Laugby farm, 55 miles west of Krum. Address Krum Rt. 1.

WANTED—Some good fresh milk cows or heavy springers. W. G. Laugby, Krum, Rt. 2 or 5001 Drexel Drive, Dallas.

GOOD Man with family to farm on shares 50-50. Raise corn, cotton, peanuts. Bring good reference. See J. W. Kidd, Rt. 2 Decatur.

FOR SALE—One stud horse, 8 years old, weight 1400 pounds and is a good all purpose horse; also one bay mare, about 1400 pounds and will find colt in April. Clarence Muncy, 2½ miles west of Slidell on Greenwood road.

FOR SALE—Two kitchen cabinets, $10.00 each, 20 gallon iron wash pot, $3.00, wardrobe $5.00, new 2½ lb. feather pillows $1.00 each, empty fruit jars, qts. and half gal. 35c doz. Chairs, milk jars and churn. Roy Champion, Alvord, Texas. 3-1t

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—Young Rhode Island pullets $1.50 and $2.00. One dandy coming 5 year old filly, $125.00 one dandy coming 3 year old filly, $100.00, one dandy coming 6 year old horse $100.00. Not for sale after this week. V. E. Bird, 1½ mile Brideport Highway.

BLOOD TESTED, trapped nested bred to lay S. C. Rhode Island red eggs. $1.00 setting. Mrs. H. M. Mooney. 3-1t

FOR RENT—Four-room house in good condition, on mail and school bus route. See or write T. L. Dickenson, Chico, Texas, Route 1, for information.

STRAYED—From the Cox and Hartsell pastures on Sandy Creek, a White, rawboned milch cow, six years old. Should have holstein calf. Also one two-year-old fawn Jersey heifer, no brand.

FOR SALE—Fresh and springer milch cows. J. L. Myrick, Route 1, Decatur on J. E. Giles farm. 3

FOR LEASE—50 acres of grass $50, two miles west of Greenwood. J. W. Fulgham, Northfield, Texas.

FOR SALE—1 team mules. Complete team drawn farm implements, one Divan and Windmill. A. P. Deaton, Decatur, Texas. 3

FOR RENT OR FOR SALE—6-room modern house. Two double garages, 112 ft.x190 fet. Lot. 1214 S. Trinity. H. T. Tinsley. 51

Co-ordination Of Effort Is Aim Of 1943 Production Program For Farmers

Food production in 1942 was the topic of discussion at a district war meeting held Wednesday in Bowie. The meeting was attended by members of war boards and representatives in different departments of agriculture agencies.

The meeting was presided over by W. T. Swink of Olney, Texas. There were several speakers representing different governmental agencies that addressed the group during the day-long meeting and all arrived at the common conclusion: "that the farmers must find some way to circumvent the labor shortage and production of more food." Wednesday's meeting and other meetings similar to it, in other parts of the state will serve as a kick-off by the workers of the agencies of the Department of Agriculture to begin in the new governmental drive to produce more food in 1943. Agriculture will be put on a production basis similar to industry with a definite quota to reach

Speakers appearing on the program were Mr. Mack McConnell, SES; Mr. Chas. M. Richter, FSA; Mrs. Isla Mae Chapman, Ext.; Mr. J. A. Scofield, Ext.; Mr. R. P. Kinsey, AAA; Mr. L. I. Samuels, Voc. Ag.; Mr. Randolph, REA; and Mr. R. T. Skipworth, FSA.

The Department of Agriculture workers will strive in the next month to sign up all Texas farmers in the new step-up production program. So-called war crops of peanuts, flax, soybeans and long staple cotton will be pushed into greater production.

Winning this war is the major concern of all our people. We all know the important place food has in the war effort. Food shortages are looming. It looks serious for 1943. We can and must win the food battle and with the effort of business men, civic clubs, women's clubs, and agriculture organizations we feel that we can be helpful in promoting a better understanding between farmers and business men in regard to our 1943 food production.

C. B. Ford Commissioned Second Lieutenant

Second Lieutenant Clarence Bruce Ford returned to active duty last week after ten-day furlough following graduation from the Officers Training School in Camp Davis, N. C. Leut. Ford has taught mathematics and dramatics in Abilene High School for several years and volunteered for the Army in June of last year.

Prior to entering the Officers Candidate School he held the rank of corporal.

He was a member of the Abilene Little Theatre and Oil Belt Teachers Association while teaching in Abilene.

W. S. C. S. Elects New Officers

On Monday, January 4, the ladies of the Methodist church met in business session and after a hymn and prayer the following officers were installed for the new year:

President, Mrs. A. B. VanMeter.

First vice-president, Mrs. Myrtle Collins.

Second vice-president, Mrs. Eula Innis.

Recording secretary, Mrs. Tom Burton.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. H. Cates.

Treasurer, Mrs. Harose Usry.

Assistant treasure, Ms. Fred Thomason.

Secetary Literature, Mrs. Cal McCurdy.

Secretay supplies, Mrs. W. W. Brown.

Superintendent of Study, Mrs. E. Harrison.

Secretary of Student Work, Mrs. T. G. Rogers.

Superintendent of Children, Mrs. Gordon Roberts.

Superintendent of local work, Mrs. Will Terrell.

Circle Captains, Mmes. Scott and Patton.

The installation ceremony was read by Rev. Orbin Turner, who dismissed the group with prayer.

Monday, January 11, the ladies of the W. S. C. S. met in circles, for an all-day service. After lunch a very timely program was given as follows: Mrs. Patton, as leader, opened with a hymn, then prayer led by Mrs. VanMeter; Miss Hambright gave a very helpful devotion from the eleventh chapter of Hebrews; Mrs. Collins discussed "Lldia," as an example of our modern Christian women; Mrs. VanMeter gave an informative talk on "Lydia Patterson School" at El Paso, here the ideals of International Brotherhood are lived, and not merely taught; Mrs. Patton talked on "Lest We Become Encireled"; Mrs. Hoyl conducted a Bible Quiz on the book of Job. At the close of the program Mrs. Usry presented pledge cards for the year; Mrs. Will Terrell appointed the local committee as follows: Mmes. Brown, Buttrill, Ferguson and Olin VanMeter.

The portals of a brand new year
Have to us been opened wide;
What it brings to a broken world,
The set of your life's sail helps decide.

Adjournment with praytr.

—Reporter.

Dairy Bulletin By Texas Tech College

LUBBOCK, Jan. 14.—A bulletin aimed at assisting creameries to make proper selection of cream for butter in meeting government specifications has just been issued by the Division of Agriculture at Texas Technological College. Copies will be mailed on request.

Entitled "The Relationship of Cream Acidity to Mold Mycelia in Butter," the bulletin reports on Tech's two years experimentation with west Texas butter which developed a method of rapidly churning small samples of cream into butter for mold mycelia determination. The tests took into consideration seasons of the year, butter scores, cream grades and accuracy of the Modified Methylene Blue-Borax test.

Copies of the bulletin, the first of its kind issued in the United States, are being sent to colleges and units of the dairy industry.

"No Liars in County of Wise" Says Citizen

"They don't breed liars in Wise County" and the Hobbs Daily News-Sun of Hobbs, N. M., vouches for the fact, according to an editorial received by The Messenger this week sest by James R. Troxwell of Decatur. In that the sentiments expressed are of interest to perhaps everyone here is a reproduction of the editorial:

Those Birth Certificates

The announcement from Santa Fe that Miss Billy Tober, registar of the department of health, has been able to discontinue her night force by the call for birth certificates, is of more than passing interest, and it hooks up with the AP story from Washington that legislation is on the way much simplifying the procedure as regards these certificates. Designed for the horse and buggy days the present requirements are more or less fossiliferous, not to say pestilential in many states. It is becoming so difficult in many states for people of middle age to furnish satisfactory proofs of nativity that endless embarrassment has resulted. In some states, where the family Bible, Masonic or church records are considered as gilt-edged proof it was not so hard. When these were set aside and the requirements narrowed down to personal knowledge it became more and more difficult. Instead of accepting a simple affidavit in such cases, which were all that was necessary, the screws have grown steadily tighter until it is now often impossible to get in a mile of the exactions.

This hired man has one case in mind, and knoweldge of many others. A man of excellent character was needed to do some government work, releasing younger men for the armed forces. He was born in country district in Texas. There was no attending physician, just a "granny woman," may the shadows of the like never grow less. The man is only 60 years of age. His parents, his brothers and sisters are all dead. The neighbors of those days are gone. There wasn't a living person who could make out the necessary affidavits. Actually he couldn't prove that he was born at all! Finally he got tired of fooling with the red tape and wrate the authorities:

"I was born in Wise County Texas, on the date named. They don't breed liars in that section. My age was recorded when I was married, and I am still living with that wife. I have gone as far as I can to comply with this fool law. If it isn't sufficient, you can take your little old job and stick it!" Something happened somewhere. He was taken on and is still giving good service, without a birth certificate!

Censorship Warns Not To Reveal Any Military Secrets About Service

On battle fronts every day men risk their lives to discover the location and strength of the military units of the enemy. Yet at home, too many of us are presenting the enemy with information of the same military value, the Office of Censorship says in a statement.

This is the information which newspapers and individuals are asked not to tell the enemy:

Do not tell the names of ships upon which sailors serve.

Do not tell the trop units in which soldiers serve overseas.

There is no objection to revealing that Pvt. John Jones is in Australia or that Seaman Tom Brown saw action in the Atlantic, but there is military information which endangers the lives of American fighting men in stating that Pvt. John Jones, "Company C, 600th Infantry," is in Australia, or Seaman Tom Brown, "Aboard the U. S. S. Wisconsin," is in the Atlantic.

The Office of Censorship says: "We ask editors not to publish these troop identifications, and we ask parents and relatives not to reveal them. Don't give the enemy anything that may lengthen the war!"

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Local News

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Richardson were called home last Saturday night due to the death of his brother, Earl Richardson of Rhome. They left Friday for Uata where he is on posted duty at the Toarile Arsenal.

Mrs. Bill Perrin left Sunday for Irving to visit her sister, Mrs. G. B. Sears.

Mrs. Zuma Collins, who has been living in Amarillo for the past few months, has moved to Lubbock.

Mrs. N. A. Moore had a card from one of her boys, W. A. Hughes, who is in California, last Tuesday. He said he was doing o.k.

H. M. Helm, U.S.N.R. who has been in the John Jay Mjdship School in New York, has been transferred to Norfolk, Va.

Pvt. John P. Porter has gone to Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill.

Lt. W. M. T. Porter has been transferred from 1996 P. M. Co. Truck 303 Air Depot Service group to Will Rogers Fied, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Don and Jimmie Paschall have been visiting their sister, Mrs. Ella Jay Neal and Mrs. Frank Rose.

Monett Guy who has been stationed in Tallahassee, Fla., is now in New Orleans, La.

Pvt. L. C. Slimp formerly stationed in Camp Polk, La., is now in the Med. Det. 302 Ord., Camp.

Lt. Cecil R. Woods, who has been in Victerville, Calif., is now at Hobbs Field, Hobbs, N. M.

Pvt. Robert P. Trietsch's new address is 69th Service Sqd. Army Air Dept., Spokane, Wash.

Sgt. W. Fortenberry's address is 56 Evacuation Hosp. Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Corp. Herman Hachtel is now stationed at 592 E. A. R. Hq. Co. Fort Ord, Calif.

Ensign Rex A. Gage has moved from Norfolk, Va., to Patrol Sqd. 203, New York City.

W. R. Neighbors has been transfered to Camp Hood, Texas.

Pvt. Clarence D. Hillen is now in 618 A.A.F.F.S. Bks. 939 Truax Field, Madison, Wis.

Claud L. Blackburn is stationed in Co. D, 2nd Pioneer B.N. Camp Pendelton, Oceanside, Calif, U. S. M. C.

Moody Wilhite, formerly with the Renfro Drug Co., of Fort Worth, now with the Lederly Pharmaceutical Co. of New York, has recently been transferred to Fort Worth where he sunpervises 32 counties in the distribution of the products of his wholesale house. Moody visited his parents last week, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilhite, and got his first square meal since leaving home years ago.

Miss Laura Vermillin, Mrs. Grady and Mrs. Fuller Keown of Greenwood, were shopping in Decatur Monday.

Mrs. Bill Boyd of Fort Worth is visiting relaitves in Decatur this week.

Mrs. Screne McNeely of Slidell was in Decatur Wednesday shopping.

Mrs. Fred Milligan of Greenwood, was in Decatur Thursday.

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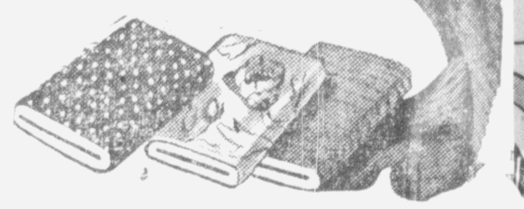
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in many counties in the Southwest.

The health of the people fighting on the home front is as essential as the health of the men and women of the armed forces, Mr. Briggs says, in urging that each community make an extra effort this year to supply the funds and work needed to combat polio and to prevent its spread to untouched communities.

"This war," says Vice Chairman Briggs, "will be won by the combined efforts of citizens and fighting forces. We must have a healthy, virile home front if we are to get the job done promptly and thoroughly. The job is vital to the successful conduct of the war. Our President and our armed forces expect us to meet the obligation."

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